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SUBJECT: PLO WARNING TO TOURISTS IN ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. FOLLOWING DEC 22 GRENADE ATTACK ON BUSLOAD OF TOURISTS IN OUTSKIRTS OF JERUSALEM, PLO (Wafa) NEWS AGENCY PUBLISHED WARNING, ATTRIBUTED TO SPOKESMAN FOR "PALESTINE REVOLUTION", AGAINST TOURIST VISITS TO SITES IN ISRAELI-HELD TERRITORY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION RELEVANT PORTIONS OF PSOKESMAN'S REMARKS: "WHEREAS OUR PEOPLE STILL SUFFER UNDER REIGN OF OCCUPATION AND ZIONIST COLONIALISM; WHEREAS BARBARIC INVADERS CONTINUE EXERCISE BRUTAL PERSECUTION AGAINST OUR FAMILIES, MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN ALIKE, IN PALESTINE; WHEREAS FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IS RESTRICTED BY WHAT OCCUPIERS CAL

'SECURITY MEASURES'; AND WHEREAS OUR PEOPLE HAVE CANCELLED THEIR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS BECAUSE OF FLAGRANT

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ASSAULT COMMITTED BY ZIONIST OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES AGAINST CLERGYMEN (I.E., CAPUCCI)..., OUR REVOLUTION WARNS ALL

TOURISTS ARRIVING IN PALESTINE AND THOSE ON THEIR WAY THAT
IT WILL NOT, AS IT STRIKES ZIONISM EVERYWHERE, BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY HARM WHICH MAY COME TO THESE TOURISTS AS RESULT OF
ESCALATING OPERATIONS AGAINST ZIONIST ENEMY. (THESE TOURISTS)
ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT MAY BEFALL THEM"

3. COMMENT: Wafa STATEMENT DOES NOT ADDRESS ITSELF
TO (A) WHY DEC 22 ATTACK WAS APPARENTLY DIRECTED SOLELY
AGAINST TOURISTS WHEN WARNING SPEAKS OF POSSIBLE INJURY
INCIDENT TO ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELI TARGETS; OR (B) WHY
WARNING ONLY ISSUED FOLLOWING SUNDAY'S INCIDENT. WE SUSPECT
REASON IS THAT PERPETRATORS ACTED INDEPENDENTLY AGAINST TARGET
OF OPPORTUNITY. Wafa BY ITS WARNING COULD BE TRYING TO
ABSOLVE PLO OF BLAME IF FURTHER ATTACKS INVOLVE TOURISTS
AND CHRISTMAS PILGRIMS.
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